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Letter dated 3 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the press release issued today by the Government of the Argentine Republic on the occasion of another anniversary of the illegitimate British occupation of the Malvinas Islands (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 51.

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Annex to the letter dated 3 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Press release

On 3 January 1833, British forces seized the Malvinas Islands, expelling its inhabitants and the Argentine authorities established there. On this occasion the Argentine people and Government reaffirm the imprescriptible sovereignty rights of the Argentine Republic over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas.

The Government reiterates the unwaivable determination of the Argentine people, enshrined in the National Constitution, to recover the full exercise of sovereignty over the above-mentioned territories and maritime areas through the peaceful means for the settlement of disputes in accordance with international law and respecting the way of life and the interests of the inhabitants of the Islands.

Today, on the 168th anniversary of that illegitimate occupation, the Argentine Government reaffirms its conviction that the resumption of negotiations on the sovereignty question, in accordance with the multiple and permanent appeals of the international community, will contribute to the creation of a proper framework for achieving a fair and lasting solution to the dispute.

The Argentine Government expresses once again its firm intention to continue making progress in the dialogue with the United Kingdom with a view to consolidating a relation of mutual confidence and to broadening bilateral cooperation.

Buenos Aires, 3 January 2001